

Middle Canyon Land Use Advisory Committee

Minutes from January 28, 2020 Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

Board Members in attendance:

Sharon Demeester (term exp.12/2021)

Terry Divoki (term exp. 12/2020)

Larry Parsons (term exp. 12/2022)

Mark Mussman- Flathead County Planning and Zoning

Minutes from November Board Meeting were approved after address correction for the Kopitzke's to 1460 Grizzly Spur.

Elections of New Officers:

Terry Divoky- President

Sharon Demeester- Vice President

Larry Parsons- Secretary

Old Business:

- Employee Housing:
Mark Mussman informed us his office will continue to keep accepting comments until the committee puts forth its final recommendations as to performance standards that can or may be adopted into CALURUS regulations. The ad hoc committee members are Trisha McCarthy, Darwon Stoneman, Joe Hoff, Gary Rogers, and Sharon Demeester. The committee is to meet prior to our next meeting and will continue being on the meeting agenda.
- Whistle Stop:
Mark Mussman shared the County Commissioners will meet on the Major Land Use Application Plan on February 26th. Citizens brought to his attention that the owner was continuing to operate while still in violation of zoning regulations. He requested evidence of it and said once received it would be put in their violation file.

New Business:

Mark Mussman shared:

- A Minor Land Use Application has been received by the office under the name of Nolan. It is listed as File # FCAP-20-01.
- A Major Land Use Application has been received by the office under the name of Hunter's Lair LLC. It is listed as File # FCMU-20-01.
- The owner of Summit Station has requested a "Text Amendment" to CALURS (Section 4F) for a 32 acre parcel geographically unique to the Upper and Middle Canyon areas. The owner seeks to add 5 cabins to his property. Mussman said the request is likely to

be approved. He expressed that this move should not set a precedent to have other unique areas considered for a like amendment.

Other Business:

- **Short Term Rental Concerns:**
Trisha McCarthy identified concerns, needs, and timing on contacting owners of short term rentals when problems arise. The contact information is required to be on the application for short term rentals. Specific information to a property can possibly be obtained by contacting Flathead County Planning and Zoning during normal business hours or using this link for inquiries. https://flathead.mt.gov/contact_us/index.php
- **RTCA:** Mary T. McClelland and Monica Jungster presented a summary of the West Glacier Community Vision Project which is part of a national program named RTCA. (NPS. Rivers, Trails, Conservation, Assistance Program) This will be a collaboration of “stakeholders” including local citizens, business owners, GNP, USFS, and other agencies to work together in creating a vision for the future of West Glacier and the vicinity as tourism, business’s, and resident populations grow. More information can be obtained by visiting <http://westglacier.mindmixer.com>
- **The West Glacier Overpass:**
Terry Divoky shared BNSF meets quarterly and a request has been made for BNSF to contribute \$40,000 for a beautification project to the underpass and surrounding landscape. Trisha McCarthy requested more information so one of her contacts that is involved with BNSF may add to efforts to get BNSF’s contribution and support.
- **Canyon Environmental Concerns and Watch:**
Onno Wirenga shared a brief recap of activities relating to environmental concerns within our area: Oil Safe Flathead, the Upper Columbia Conservation Commission - meets in Kalispell and is dealing with aquatic invasive species, and Glacier National Park’s Going to the Sun Road Corridor Transportation Plan.
- **Communication:**
Mary T. McClelland, representing The West Glacier Community Preservation Association, offered to continue providing the MCLUAC Meeting Minutes, future Agendas, and notifications of upcoming meetings, as well as information and links related to Major Land Use Applications and other community related activities on their site and in their email distributions.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

**** The next meeting will be on February 25th, 2020 at 7 p.m.at West Glacier Fire Hall. There will **not** be a quorum for a March Meeting. The Committee will have the next open meeting on April 28th at 7 pm at the West Glacier Fire Hall.